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Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:
detecting a condition indicating relocation of said apparatus after a power interruption to said apparatus; and
enabling a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition; and
enabling a user to provide updated information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting said condition includes detecting a duration of said power interruption.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said condition is detected if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said duration is detected using a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

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8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein detecting said condition further includes detecting signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

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9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting said condition includes detecting signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein:
said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and
said condition is detected if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:
tuning means for tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and
processing means for:
detecting a condition indicating relocation of said apparatus after a power interruption to said apparatus; and for
enabling a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition; and
enabling a user to provide updated information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.

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14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said processing means detects said condition based on a duration of said power interruption.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said processing means detects said condition if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said processing means detects said duration based on a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said processing means detects said condition based on signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said processing means detects said condition based on signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein:
said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and

 said processing means detects said condition if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.

21. (Currently Amended) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

 a tuner operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

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a processor operative to:
detect a condition indicating relocation of said television signal receiver after a power interruption to said television signal receiver; and to enable a predetermined output associated with said emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition; and
enable a user to provide updated information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 22, wherein said updated information includes a FIPS location code.

24. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 22, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

25. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 21, wherein said processor detects said condition based on a duration of said power interruption.

26. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 25, wherein said processor detects said condition if said duration exceeds a predetermined time period.

27. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 25, wherein said processor detects said duration based on a vertical blanking interval of a television signal.

28. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 25, wherein said processor detects said condition based on signal strength on a previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

29. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 21, wherein said processor detects said condition based on signal strength on a first previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function.

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30. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 29, wherein:
- said first previously identified frequency channel has previously exhibited higher signal strength relative to a second previously identified frequency channel associated with said emergency alert function; and
- said processor detects said condition if said second previously identified frequency channel exhibits higher signal strength relative to said first previously identified frequency channel.